

INTERESTING FROM SUFFOLK.

Reconnoissance in Force of the Enemy's Position.

Sharp Conflict with the Rebel Troops.

NEW YORK TROOPS ENGAGED.

LIST OF OUR KILLED AND WOUNDED,

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Our Suffolk Correspondence.

Stevens, Va., May 3, 1863.

For the past week or ten days, the rebel troops have been actively employed in taking up a position in front of our roads by the construction of rifle pits, from which they have kept a desultory fire on our troops.

ATTEMPT TO DESTROY THE BRIDGE.

Attestions our men attempted to destroy them by shot and shell, but the enemy were so well concealed that our troops only suffered temporary loss. To oblige the growing familiarity General Peck determined to attack the enemy, drove them from one portion of his front, and then to ascertain whether the rebels under Longstreet had reinforced the rebels near Richmond. To this end a reconnoissance in force was determined on, consisting of three brigades of troops under Brigadier General Getty (chief), Brigadier General Hartman and Colonels Dutson and Stevens. The regiments comprising the force were the One Hundred and Third, Eighty-ninth, One Hundred and Seventieth, One Hundred and Forty-third, and One Hundred and Forty-fourth New York troops; Twenty-fifth New Jersey, Thirteenth New Hampshire, Eleventh, Fifteenth and Sixteenth Massachusetts Volunteers; Thirtieth in place, battery I, Lieutenant Hazebeck, of the Fourth United States regulars; the Seventh Massachusetts battery, Captain Thomas A. Davis, and a detachment of the New York Mounted Rifles, Lieut. Col. Underwood.

THE EXPLOSION—THE BOUT TAKEN.

The troops put by the war was on what is known as the Providence Church turnpike, leading from the northeastern part of the town.

At early morn the streets of the town were resonant with martial music, the movement of troops and all the usual concussions of battle.

To cross the route above mentioned it was necessary to cross the Nansemond river, which was formerly spanned by a bridge, but the debris of which is now only visible.

During the night previous to the movement the bridge was temporarily repaired and a large camp was placed between both ends of a draw. Planks were laid across this, and a temporary bridge was thrown across the draw from which appeared an almost insurmountable obstacle.

In front of the position from which our troops made their initial movement the ground is rising, broken and rugged, while about a mile back is a dense wood and undergrowth. It was between the Nansemond and these woods that the rebels had constructed several rifle pits, and who found shelter and cover in the stump of trees, in gullies, and everywhere where they could conceal themselves, from which their sharpshooters were continually annoyng our troops.

CHASING THE REBELS.

The advance was on the road to Franklin during the day and concluded with General Peck.

At noon.

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A reconnaissance, but the sun blazed brightly on the troops at noon, adding in no small degree to their exhaustion. The boys stood up gallantly under it, however. The sight, as viewed from a position on the hill, was singular. In front was the roar of artillery, the rattle of musketry, the whistling of showers of bullets, the singing of shells and our noble fellows advancing steadily. In the rear was the placid river, and the glorious Stars and Stripes of the sunburst flags. Brigs just appearing above the banks, while further off, across the river, the tops of the breastworks and batteries were black with soldiers and civilians, anxious spectators of the fight. A band of one of the regiments near the town enlivened and added a cheering influence to the scene by its performance of patriotic songs through the day.

GALLANTLY OF THE YOUNG.

Taking it all in all, the occasion was the grandest I have seen. Your correspondent was on the field during the entire day, and was a cheerful witness of the gallantry of our officers and troops. conspicuous among the former, who rode to all parts of the field bearing orders and taking part in the general direction of affairs, was Capt. Stevens (son of the late Gen. Stevens), and to General Getty.

GENERAL RINGOLD MORTALLY WOUNDED.

Colonel Ringold of the One Hundred and Third New York, who was mortally wounded near the close of the day, was presented in moving along the line of skirmishers directing his men. It was white in the discharge of the duty that he met his death.

The Thornton New Hampshire first engaged the enemy, to no avail. Our men had retreated and fired in that position. At intervals the one who would rise, advanced a few paces and then lie down again. Early in the afternoon their movement developed into a gallant charge, and the rebels were driven into the woods.

THE WOUNDED.

The wounded, as they were brought from the field, were promptly treated and cared for by Dr. S. A. Richardson, Surgeon of the Thirteenth New Hampshire, and Dr. Shaw, of the Eighty-ninth New York. These gentlemen gave abundant proofs during the day, in the many operations which they were called on to perform, of their skill in their profession.

There were other dangers on the field, who also discharged their duties faithfully. The wounded were all conveyed from the field to the town, where they are comfortably housed in large hospital tents. They have the best of care given them, and no pains are spared to ensure their prompt recovery.

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ANNEXED IS A PART OF OUR KILLED AND WOUNDED—

SPRINGFIELD NEW YORK.

Geo. J. Burrows, Co. E, left side, slightly. Lieutenant Howell, Co. E, neck.

Corporal Uriah A. Johnson, Co. F, mouth. J. Doyle, Co. D, back slightly.

John Hayes, Co. F.

RECENTLY KILLED AND WOUNDED.

Capt. Fred. C. A. arm.

J. Keeler, Co. F.

RECENTLY WOUNDED.

Capt. Fred. C. A. arm.

Private John F. French, Co. F.

Private Edward F. French, Co. F.

Private George F. French, Co. F.

Private John F. French, Co. F.